

**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**February 3, 2003**

## **Executive Summary**

4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?
5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

The council has contracted with the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation to administer knowledge-based economy programs overseen by the council. Four members of the KSTC staff are scheduled to present an update of the programs' progress: Kris Kimel, KSTC president; Jim Clifton, executive director of KSTC's Innovation Group; Mahendra Jain, executive director of the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation; and Rick Kurzynske, statewide director of the Kentucky Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

The executive summary of the draft annual report on knowledge-based economy programs was presented to the council at the November meeting. The final report will be provided at the February 3 meeting. It also is available on the council's Web site.

The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Louisville request to expand the Research Resources Center to construct a Cardiovascular Innovation Institute at the Health Sciences Campus with \$21,000,000 of state, private, and federal funds. (For details, see page 131).

The University of Louisville has requested that the council approve the construction of an expansion of the Research Resources Center to create an additional 46,500 square feet of space for a Cardiovascular Innovation Institute. The space will support cardiovascular surgical research, development, and evaluation of candidate cardiac assist devices, tissue engineering, and genetic interventions to prevent heart disease. It represents a public/private collaborative effort between UofL, the state, and private business.

The staff recommends that the council approve the Murray State University request to construct the Western Regional Center for Emerging Technologies on its main campus with Economic Development Cabinet Innovation and Commercialization Center Program funds. (For details, see page 133).

Murray State University requests that the council approve the construction of a 35,000 square foot Western Regional Center for Emerging Technologies to implement innovative business-building services and funding tools. It represents a state, local, federal, and private collaboration to support the western region of the state.

The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Kentucky request to construct a Swine Feed Mill at the Animal Research Center in Woodford County, Kentucky, with \$870,000 of federal funds. (For details, see page 135).

The federal government has provided money to construct a 4,138 square foot Swine Feed Mill at the University of Kentucky Woodford County Animal Research Center. The mill will prepare approximately 2,000 tons of feed per year to support the university's farm animal research program. This project represents an effort to support Kentucky's agricultural and farm communities.